

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: James M. Tour *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/593,918  
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Title: FUNCTIONALIZATION OF CARBON NANOTUBES IN ACIDIC MEDIA  
Confirmation No: 5884  
Art Unit: 1793  
Examiner: Brittany M. Martinez

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of October 4, 2010, with a shortened statutory period for reply of three months set to expire on January 4, 2011, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the remarks and amendments set forth in this response as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.